

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Cemetery Committee, which reports to the Board of Selectmen, is composed of three members, each serving a 3-year term. In this past year the Committee has seen two members resign, Fred Dodge and William E. Clayton. Kenneth Banks and Gerald Kunst have been appointed in their place and join the Committee with Steve Gray and Roy Dudley. The Committee oversees the management, maintenance, and upkeep of the town's cemeteries.

The three cemeteries in Stow (Hillside Cemetery on Crescent Street, The Lower Village Cemetery at Great Road and Pompositticut Street, and Brookside Cemetery on Gleasondale Road and Box Mill Road) are maintained by the Superintendent and two seasonal part-time employees. They have kept the cemeteries in good shape and have allowed the Superintendent to get many projects done. They include the restoration of stone walls at the Lower Village Cemetery and the repair and restoration of many old markers that have been broken. These projects will continue into 2013 and beyond. We would like to thank the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation committee for their support in funding these projects.

The Committee is researching the viability of purchasing a leaf vacuum system to increase productivity and flexibility during the spring and fall cleanup.

The Committee would like to thank Superintendent Robb (GH) Gledhill for the outstanding work he does in maintaining all three cemeteries. We would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and all the townspeople who supported us this past year.

The Committee is always looking for anyone who would be interested in helping out with the maintenance of the cemeteries on a part-time basis. If you are interested, contact the Superintendent at the office of the Cemetery Committee in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roy A. Dudley  
Gerald P. Kunst

Stephen A. Gray, Associate

Robb (GH) Gledhill, Superintendent

## **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA), MGL c.44B, was enacted into legislation on September 14, 2000. The goal of the Community Preservation Act is to provide communities with the means to expand their ability to pursue and implement projects that preserve or enhance their quality of life. Under this legislation, municipalities may opt to participate by adopting a property tax surcharge to create a locally-controlled Community Preservation Fund administered by a Community Preservation Committee. The state provides a match, up to a maximum of 100 percent, depending on what percentage surcharge is adopted and the number of communities participating statewide. The Community Preservation Fund can be used to fund projects related to the acquisition and preservation of open space and provision of recreational opportunities, the